



NEWSLETTER

BLACK & WHITE '47

Readers of the 2001 *Tipperary Historical Journal* will probably not be surprised to learn that Tipperary Town based historian **Des Marnane** is involved in the two longest articles in this the fourteenth Journal. His detailed analysis of the social conditions of his native town just 100 years ago, based on the 1901 Census, occupies 26 pages. Similarly, his supplementary notes to the first instalment (to be continued annually) of John Davis White's classic "*Sixty Years in Cashel*", never republished since it first appeared in 1893, fill another 26 pages.

Readers from Clonoulty and thereabouts will be fascinated to see the reappearance, after six years, of the Northern historian **Richard Reid** (now of Australia), who contributes a second instalment of his story of the mass emigration in the mid-1900's of Clonoulty folk to Australia, complete with contemporary illustrations.

A posthumous account of Tipperary men who fought in the Spanish Civil War in the 1930s comes from **Pat Lonergan** of Kilfeacle, whose family still treasure the certificate he got, signed by both General Franco and General Eoin O'Duffy.

The Nenagh area features in two quite different articles in the forthcoming Journal - an account by David

Murphy of the *Dictionary of Irish Biography* project on an army mutiny in Nenagh in 1857, and a 14 page account from **Richard O'Brien** of Cashel of the recent excavations in and around the new Nenagh by-pass.

Maria Luddy of Clonmel (now of Warwick University) gives an account of the women's history sources uncovered by her recent Government-sponsored *Irish Women's History* project, while **Áine Chadwick** (also of Clonmel) traces the career of local nun Alice O'Sullivan who, with nine others, was massacred in China in 1870.

As if to show how ecumenical our Journal is, **David Butler** of Cahir completes his survey of Presbyterianism in the Fethard area from 1890 to 1919, and **Dúchas** personality **Con Manning** (of Kilcash origin) writes on the two Sir George Hamilton's and their connections with Roscrea and Nenagh castles.

Liam Ó'Donnchú of Thurles Sarsfields shows how widespread hurling was in mid-Tipperary before the GAA and John Doyle were ever born.

Michael O'Donnell of Fethard continues his scholarly series on Tipperary MP's from 1560 to 1800, while **Professor Peter Woodman** of UCC reports on a dig at Ballybrado House near Cahir.

In a searing article **Edmund O'Riordan** of Clogheen

AGM POSTPONED

Due to the extensive precautionary measures being adopted countrywide to help prevent the spread of Foot & Mouth Disease, and, in particular, the cancellation of meetings which require large numbers of people from various counties to congregate, it has been decided to POSTPONE the 2001 Annual General Meeting of the County Tipperary Historical Society.

The A.G.M will now take place at the County Library, Thurles on SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2001 at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

AGM SATURDAY MAY 26

(& UCC) tells how the gentry dined and wined while the proletariat had to starve or emigrate in Black '47. The Journal once again ends with a fine - in this issue almost 30 pages - section on book reviews of Tipperary interest. No fewer than twelve academic reviewers, located from Australia to Belfast, deal with publications on such widely diverse topics as Geoffrey Keating to Sadleir the banker, William Smith O'Brien to poor Bridget Cleary, the latter now taken over by two mediocre American feminist 'historians'. This section is a journal within a journal once again!

■ Tipperary town one hundred years ago: the evidence of the 1901 Census

Denis G Marnane

■ Tipperarymen in Spain (1936 - 1937)

Pat Lonergan

■ The Women's History Project: some sources from the history of Tipperary

Maria Luddy

■ Hurling in Mid Tipperary pre-1884

Liam Ó'Donnchú

■ The Fight to save Séan Allen

Marcus Bourke

■ John Davis White's Sixty Years in Cashel

Denis G. Marnane

■ Alice O'Sullivan, Clonmel missionary and martyr (1836 - 1870)

Aine M. Chadwick

■ Black (and White) '47

Edmund O'Riordan

■ Parliamentary Representation for County Tipperary, 1560 - 1800 (Part 2)

Michael O'Donnell

■ "I met with Adam Chidle": the emigration of the Brownes from Clonoulty to Australia (1857)

Richard Reid

■ Presbyterianism in the Fethard area (1690 - 1919) Part 11

David Butler

■ "The Battle of the Breeches": the Nenagh Mutiny, July 1856

David Murphy

■ The Military History Bureau - a list of Tipperary names

Editor

■ The two Sir George Hamilton's and their connections with the castles of Roscrea and Nenagh

Conleth Manning

■ Instruments of the Passion on the gravestones of South Tipperary

Diarmuid O'Keeffe

■ Nenagh by-pass excavations, 1998 - 1999

Richard O'Brien

■ Trial excavations at Ballybrado House, Cahir

Nyree Finlay & Peter Woodman

■ Books Section

■ Obituary (Col. S.J. Watson)

Margaret Rossiter

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It was a busy year in the history world of Tipperary with publications and conferences keeping the past in focus. The Society's Journal maintained the high standard long associated with the editorial stewardship of Marcus Bourke and it appeared early in the calendar year. We are fortunate that due to Marcus' industry and persuasive powers enough material is available each year to facilitate early publication.

A number of books caught my attention during 2000 - 2001 among them reprints of two Tipperary classics, which were originally published in the 1930's. Dermot Gleeson's *Last Lords of Ormond* was one of the first scholarly analyses of the detailed ledger books of confiscation compiled to both facilitate and record the land transfers of the seventeenth century. One of the few regional studies to utilise the pioneering role of R.C. Simington, who had edited the two volumes of the Civil Survey for Tipperary 1931-4, *Last Lords* was issued in 1938. It has now been reprinted by Donal Murphy & Relay Books with the welcome addition of a memoir of Dermot Gleeson by Danny Grace. The second book is the *O'Dwyers of Kilnarnagh* first published in 1933. It was written by Sir Michael O'Dwyer a high ranking member of the British ruling clique in India (he was Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab) who was assassinated by an Indian nationalist in London in 1940. It is indeed ironic that O'Dwyer, while cataloguing the terrible impact of British colonisation in Kilnarnagh, was an agent of the Empire in another colony. This book was launched at the O'Dwyer clan rally in Tipperary in September 2000 and it has a biographical piece on the author Michael O'Dwyer who is a member of our Society. It is available from the the Tipperary Clans Office in Tipperary Town, which promotes history and heritage under the guiding influence of John Bradshaw.

In October 2000, I was fortunate to have the honour of launching a wonderful local history of the Catholic parish of Ballina and Boher, which was written by Kevin M. and Kevin A. Griffin. The elder Kevin was a highly respected teacher in Ballina and he brought the storyteller's craft from his native Clare. Young Kevin has followed the family tradition into education and directs the Centre for Local and Heritage Studies in University College, Dublin. The richly illustrated book is available from the authors at Ballina.

During 2000 it was my privilege to be asked to oversee the publication of a commemorative book to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the building of the primary school at Glengool (New Birmingham). It gave me the opportunity to write about an extraordinary nineteenth century man - Sir Vere Hunt Bart. of Curragh Chase, County Limerick, who built the village in the early nineteenth century. Past pupils of the school provided details of school and home life in the last half of the twentieth century, which is now receding into history. A similar book was produced for Gaile school under the able direction of Mary Guinan-Darmody. It also appropriate to mention the great work accomplished by the Boherlahan-Dualla Historical Society who have now three excellent Journals to its credit. The editors are Peter Meskell and Marian Ryan.

If I can don my baronial hat I have to mention the

sterling work of Michael and Eamonn Hall of Cloneen who organised the completion of the history of the St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club which services the Catholic parishes of Cloneen and Drangan. We can now look forward to our committee member Michael producing his third book - he also had a hand in the history of the local creamery - on the history of the parish in general.

The eighth Slieveardagh Summer School was held in Killenaule on the first week of July, 2000. We had excellent lectures from Martin Mansergh, Fr. Liam Ryan, John Coolahan, Maynooth, Fintan Vallely the music critic and Seamus King who gave an excellent paper on his personal view of the G.A.A. We were fortunate to have speakers of such a high quality, people who have made such an outstanding contribution in Ireland. This year's school will be held on the first week of July and has as its theme *Learning and Living in Tipperary*.

Another welcome addition to Tipperary's cultural life was the major seminar organised by the Tipperary Institute in September. T.K. O'Dwyer of famed Moycarkey analysed his neighbours' marriage patterns and we hope to hear more from T.K. in Killenaule in July: Eamon de Stafort gave a detailed account of the beginnings and development of the now sadly gone Thurles Sugar Factory. Liam Kennedy Q.U.B. provided a warm, evocative recall of a country childhood in Borrisoleigh in the 1950's. Dr. Denise Meagher did great work in providing such a full program and I have only referred here to the history papers in which I was interested.

Another enjoyable get together for history and heritage enthusiasts has been the annual Book Fair organised by the Fethard Historical Society. This year was no exception and over 30 booksellers and a large attendance, many of whom belong to this Society, searched for bargains. There are few more congenial venues in Ireland than the former ballroom of romance. One can browse and then settle down to a curry tea or, particularly for one used to delicate portions and healthy prices in our inflated capital city, to have the reverse - healthy portions and delicate prices.

Each year brings its sad news of deaths. Mrs Kathleen McGarry mother of our P.R.O. Peg, formerly of Thurles but long residing close to the parish centre of Fennor, passed away. Mrs McGarry belonged to the generation who avidly traced the past and knew the history of their communities. Mrs Rita Jenkins nee Fitzgerald of Earlshill, Ballingarry died leaving husband Tom and three young children. Rita had an abiding interest in local history and a few short years ago was the driving force behind the publication of the wonderful parish history of Killenaule - Moyglass which was reviewed in the Society's Journal.

William Nolan

County Tipperary Historical Society

Accounts 1999-2000

Annual General Meeting, Saturday, March 25th, 2000

OPENING BALANCE

Current Account	£630.05
Deposit Account	£7,679.98

£8,310.03

Income

Punt Income	£5,330.50
Direct Debit Membership	£1,453.71
Bank Interest	£9.88

Punt £6,794.09

Sterling	£530.35
US Dollar	£1,986.90
Canadian Dollar	£219.61
Australian Dollar	£153.36

£2,890.22

Total Income 1999/2000 £9,684.31

Total £17,994.34

Expenditure

1999 Journal	£4,720.00
2000 Journal	£2,298.00
Offprints 1999	£1,062.00
Newsletter #12	£75.02
Postage	£1,347.95
Advertising	£35.00
Insurance	£143.97
Sundry	£276.62
Bank Charges	£97.42
Memberships	£37.00

£10,092.98

Cash On Hand

Current Account	£290.79
Deposit Account	£7,610.57

£7,901.36

Total £17,994.34

CLOSING BALANCE £7,901.36

ASSETS AT MARCH 25, 2000

Journals: 1991 18 (26); 1992 57 (63); 1993 113 (165); 1994 111 (120); 1995 54 (62); 1996 108 (109); 1997 205 (213); 1998 60 (83); 1999 126 (1,000)

Total on hand: 852

JOURNALS OUT-OF-PRINT

⊗ We would like to alert members that the 2000 *Tipperary Historical Journal* is precariously near being out-of-print: less than 20 copies are now available at the County Library. If you inadvertently neglected to renew your membership last year and are looking for the 2000 Journal, please ring us first before sending any cheques.

⊗ Members should also note that the 1991 *Tipperary Historical Journal* went out of print this year and is now unavailable.

THE BOOK COLUMN

As always this is a listing of titles of Tipperary interest added to stock in the Local Studies Department of the County Library. If you'd like to try and purchase any of these titles, John Butler at Bookworm, Parnell Street, Thurles [0504-22257] might be able to help, but remember some of these may now be out of print, especially annual publications!

- A Neighbour's Child: The Life and Times of the Irishman Signor Foli (1835 - 1899)/ Millington, 202pp, pbk, £10.00
- An Teampall Mór Directory 2000/ Templemore Tidy Towns, 54 pp, pbk, £4.00
- Anacarty/Donohill Parish Magazine, 1999 /Anacarty/Donohill Cultural and Historical Society, 96 pp, pbk, £4.00
- Anacarty/Donohill Parish Magazine 2000, Anacarty/Donohill Cultural & Historical Society, 108 pp, pbk, £4.00
- Baker, S.; Petals in the Wind/Lisheen Pubs, 88 pp, pbk, £5.00
- Bansha Kilmoyler 2000 Millennium Souvenir Calendar
- Barnard, T. & Fenlon, J.; The Dukes of Ormond/Boydell Press, 279 pp, h/b, £50.00
- Boherlahan - Dualla Historical Journal 2000/Boherlahan - Dualla Historical Journal Society, 112 pp, pbk, £5.00
- Butler, E.; Elizabeth Butler, Battle Artist: Autobiography/Fisher Press, 281 pp, pbk, £7.99
- Butler, E.; Letters from the Holy Land/ Adam and Charles Black, 84pp, h/b
- Clancy, C.; Miracles Do Happen In Medjugore/25pp, pbk, £2.50
- Clancy, C.; My Great Love For The Venerable Padre Pio/23 pp, pbk, £2.50
- Clancy, C.; We walked In The Footsteps Of Jesus/28 pp, pbk, £2.50
- Clancy, C.; Small Book Of Poems/37pp, pbk, £2.50
- Clancy, C.; Small Book Of True Stories/60 pp, pbk, £2.50
- County Tipperary Old I.R.A. Commemorative Calendar 2001/JAG Publishing, £6.95
- Cromie, A.S.; Controversy among Southern Presbyterians/294 pp, pbk, £10.00
- Daly, P.; A View from Bay Lough/87pp, pbk
- Decies No. 56, Waterford Historical and Archaeological Society Journal/220 pp, pbk, £10.00
- Doherty, R. & Truesdale, D.; Irish Winners of the Victoria Cross/Four Courts Press, pbk, 272 pp, £12.50
- Dodier, V., Lady Hawarden Studies from Life 1857-1864/Apture Pubs, 128 pp h/b, £28.50
- Dunford, S.; The Irish Highwaymen/Merlin Publishing, 316 pp, pbk, £14.99
- Feehan, J.A.; An Hourglass on the Run/Mercier Press, 192 pp, pbk, £9.99
- Fennessy, M.J. & Ní Fhiannusa, Fiangus; Proceedings of the Fennessy Family History Meeting at Clonmel in August 1998, the first International gathering of the Fennessy clan/Coastal Research, 136 pp, h/b
- Fethard and Killusty Newsletter 2000/Fethard and Killusty Emigrant's Newsletter, 126pp, pbk, £5.00
- Gaile Days A Century Recalled 1900 - 2000/Gaile Centenary Committee, 196pp, pbk, £10.00
- Gleeson, D. F.; The Last Lords of Ormond/Relay Pubs, 335 pp, h/b, £20.00
- Glengoole - New Birmingham Memories/Glengoole N.S. Jubilee Committee, 144 pp, pbk, £10.00
- Gortnahoe-Glengoole Parish Annual 2000/Gortnahoe-Glengoole Parish Annual Committee, 102 pp, pbk, £5.00
- Grace, D; The Great Famine in Nenagh Poor Law Union Co. Tipperary/Relay Pubs, 230 pp, h/b, £15.00
- Griffin, K.M. & Griffin, K.A.; Ballina/Boher Parish Our History and Traditions/Ballina Killaloe Print, 387 pp, h/b, £18.00
- Griffin, T.D.; A Drawerful of Memories/ 180 pp, pbk, £10.00
- Hall, E.; History of the GAA in Drangan & Cloneen 1885-2000/St. Patrick's GAA Club, 240 pp, pbk, £12.00
- Hannon, J.; Ballagh National Schools 1834 - 1999, 165 years of Education/59pp, pbk, £3.00
- Haverty, A.; The Far Side of a Kiss/ Chatto & Windus, 241 pp, h/b, £12.99
- Hoff, J. & Yeates, M.; The Cooper's Wife Is Missing: The Trials of Bridget Cleary/ Basic Books, 458 pp, h/b, \$26.00
- Holohan, J.; The Mass Rock and Saints of Kilcommon/144 pp, pbk, £10.00
- Holycross Ballycahill Yearbook 2000/ 104pp, pbk, £5.00
- Jenkins, W.; Tipp Co-Op/Geography Pubs, 214pp, h/b, £12.99
- Keher, E.; Hurling Heroes-14 Hurling Greats Profiled/Blackwater Press, 166 pp, pbk, £9.99
- Kerry Cattle: A Miscellany/Kerry Cattle Society, 123pp, h/b, £14.00
- King, S.J., Ó Donnchú, L. & Smyth, J.; Tipperary's GAA Ballads/County Tipperary GAA Board, 717 pp, h/b £20.00, pbk, £10.00
- Kravis, J. & Morgan, P.; Cloughjordan Now/Road Books, 24 pp, pbk, £4.00
- Lahey, E.A.; Cosgrove From Borrisnoe, Co. Tipperary, Ireland to Morgan County/ Illinois, 240pp, pbk
- Lalor, J.; To Hunt Shoot & Stalk: Hunting and Conservation Tales of an Irish Sportsman at home and in the U.S./Mayfly Lodge Publishing, 128 pp, pbk, £10.00
- Lonergan, E.; St. Joseph's Hospital Clonmel/261pp, h/b, £20.00
- Long, B.; Ard Scoil Chluain Meala: A Centenary Record of Clonmel High School 1900 - 2000/157 pp, h/b, £12.00
- MacNiocláis, C.; Inane Rovers Gaelic Football Club 50th Anniversary 1950 - 2000/124 pp, pbk
- Mansergh, D.; Independence Years: The Selected Indian and Commonwealth Papers of Nicholas Mansergh/Oxford University Press, 274 pp, h/b, £15.99
- Marnane, D.G.; A Lamp Kindled: The Sisters of Mercy and Tipperary Town/ Board of Management St. Anne's Secondary School, 158 pp, pbk, £7.50
- Mullinahone Magazine 2000 - 2001/ Mullinahone Community Council, 48 pp, pbk, £4.00
- Murphy, D & N.; Tipperary: A Touring Guide/76 pp, pbk, £1.20
- Nenagh Ormond R.F.C Yearbook, 1999 - 2000/45 pp, pbk, £4.00
- Newport News 2000/Newport Newsletter Committee, 156 pp, pbk, £5.00
- O'Dwyer M.; The History of the O'Dwyers/The Celtic Bookshop, 468 pp, h/b, £35.00
- O'Dwyer, M.; The Parish of Emly History of Gaelic Games and Athletics/ Emly GAA Club, 305 pp, h/b, £16.00
- Phillips, F. [M. O'Dwyer, Editor]; Cashel Memories/162pp, pbk, £9.99
- Pollard Carew, J.; Moll Strings & Others/34 pp, pbk, £6.00
- Roscrea People Vol. 16/124pp, pbk, £4.50
- Ryan, E.; Angels in the Dark/Rectory Press, 28pp, pbk, £4.95
- Ryan, P.F.; The Tubberadora -Boherlahan Hurling Story/64 pp, pbk
- Ryan Hayes, M.; The Flight of Other Days/84 pp, pbk, £5.99
- Swann, B. & Aprahamian, F.; J.D. Bernal: A Life In Science And Politics/ Verso, 324 pp, h/b, £25.00
- Templetuohy-Moyne 2000: Millennium Newsletter/Templetuohy-Moyne Newsletter Committee, 83pp, pbk, £3.50
- Thurles Musical Society Golden Jubilee Calendar 2001/£5.00
- Three Rivers Project: Boyne, Liffey, Suir: Water Quality Monitoring and Management, Baseline Report/Three Rivers Project Partners, £220
- Tipperary GAA Yearbook 2001/County Tipperary GAA Board, 244pp, pbk, £5.00
- Two Mile Borris 1900 All Ireland Hurling Winners A Souvenir History/Two Mile Borris GAA Committee, 76pp, pbk, £6.00

MICROFILM



The County Library has been steadily expanding its microfilm sources in the Local Studies Department in co-operative projects with institutions like the National Library of Ireland, British Library and the Nenagh Guardian. The following microfilms have now been added for public use:

- TIPPERARY FREE PRESS 1826-1881
- NENAGH GUARDIAN 1838-1960
- THE TIPPERARYMAN & LIMERICK RECORDER 1921, 1922, 1927-1934
- THE CLONMEL GAZETTE 1788-1804

Please ring before travelling to use microfilm: they are in heavy demand!